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1. IN HID-AUGUST, GENERAL GUSTAVO L E 1 G H, AIR FORCE
MEMBER, OF THE JUNTA. INFORMED
THAT HE HAS PRESSING FOR A QUICK REVIEW OF THE EVIDENCE ASSEMBLED
AGAINST THE DETAINED OFFICIALS OF THE FORMER POPULAR UNITY (U.P.)

GOVERNMENT. LEIGH BELIEVES THAT THOSE U.P.LEADERS, AGAINST SHOW THERE IS NOT SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO WARRENT A TRIAL, SHOULD

BE RELEASED AND EXILED FROM CHILE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE;

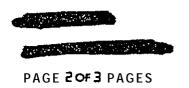
2. LEIGH SAID THAT ADMIRAL JOSE H E R I N O. NAVY MEMBER OF THE JUNTA, IS IN ACCORD WITH THE ABOVE SUGGESTION. "JUNTA PRESIDENT AUGUSTO P I N O C H E T IS STILL UNDECIDED AND,

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ACCORDING TO LEIG H, PINOCHET IS BEING PRESSED BY SOME ARMY
GENERALS TO REJECT LEIGH'S PROPOSAL.. GENERAL CESAR
ME NDO 2 A. CARABINERO MEMBER OF THE JUNTA : ALSO HAS NOT
COMMITTED HIMSELF O NITHE PROPOSAL.

THATSINGEPINOCHET'S APPOINTMENT
A SCHIEFO FSTATE, RELATION SETWEENPINOCHETON THE ONE HAND
AND MERINU AND LEITHON THE OTHER HAVE BECOME SLIGHTLY STRAINED.
AS EXAMPLES 'HE CITED A RECENT PRESS INTERVIEW IN WHICH PINOCHET
SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN PLANNING THE OVERTHROW OF FORMER PRESIDENT
SALVADOR ALLENDE FOR A YEAR PRIOR TO THE 11 SEPTEMBER
1973 COUP D'ETAT. LEIGH AND MERINO CONFRONTED PINOCHET REGARDING
THE STATEMENT AND SAID THAT TO THE IRKNOWLEDGEH IS COMMITMENT
AND PARTICIPATION DID NOT BEGIN UNTIL JUST PRIOR TO THE ACTUAL
HOVE. ACCORDING TO LEIGH, PINOCHET WAS NOT OVERLY CONCERNED WITH THE CRITICISM AND SAID THAT IN THE FUTURE HE WOULD
CLEAR SIMILAR PRESS RELEASES WITH THE OTHER JUNTA MEMBERS.

4. LEIGH SAID THAT HE AND MERINO HERE ALSO OPPOSED T OPINOCHET'S DECISION TO REPLACE THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL. PINOCHETTOLD THE OTHER JUNTA MEMBERS THE A TIME DECISION WAS MADE BECAUSE THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL HAD FIRE DONLY FIVE OF 12 IDENTIFIED C oti-

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MUNISTS WORKING IN HIS OFFICE, LEIGH AND MERING ARGUED THAT WHILETHIS HAY BE TRUE, THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL WAS PERSONALLY DOING A VERY GOOD JOBAND WAS A STRONG SUPPORTER OF THE JUNTA.

COMMENT: THE PRESS OF 12 AUGUST REPORTED THAT THE COMPTROLLER HAD SUBMITTED HIS REQUEST FOR RETIREMENT, INTER-'ESTINGLY, THE PRESS OF 19 AUGUST REPORTED THAT HE WITHDREW THE REQUEST.

5. LEIGHTOLD THE GENERALS THAT HE HAS ALSO EXPRESSEDHIS

OPPOSITIONTO THE IDEA OF ALLOWING CIVIC DEMONSTRATIONS IN

FAVOR OF THE GOVERNMENT DURING THE 11 SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARY

OF THE MILITARY TAKEOVER.

ALSO OPPOSED TO THE IDEA OF CREATING A NATIONAL CIVIC MOVEMENT



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